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THEFT OF COMPUTERS IN DRDO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of theft of computer cases in Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) came to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the matter;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether any officials of DRDO have been found involved in these cases; and

(e) if so, the action taken against those officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): In the last three years, two cases of thefts of computers have been reported in DRDO. Inquiries into both the cases have been conducted. The first theft case occurred in Metcalfe House, Delhi and the second in ADRDE, Agra. Outcome of the enquiries revealed that the lost information pertained to generic data on Human Resource Development, library, internet downloads, personal files, standard commercial software packages and some studies on dummy test data. No information or material of strategic importance or of security concern has been lost in the theft.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Officials found negligent in performance of their duties have been dealt with as per rules.